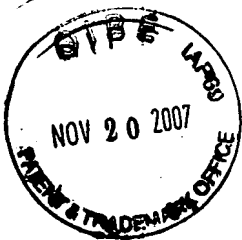


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not attached. A copy of a European Search Report in a corresponding application is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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